Motions for Papers

which was just prior to the interruption that took place:

Mr. Speaker, in view of the unique reply of the minister as compared to what he has said—

What I said was:

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In any event, I have considered the matter very carefully, and I think the only solution is to transfer this matter for debate.

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, as I think I mentioned last week just before the disturbance to which reference has been made occurred, a very similar motion has already been debated in this house. I wonder if this could not be put to a vote at this time.

Mr. Speaker: There is a request that this be transferred. Pursuant to standing order 47 this motion is transferred for debate.

SHAREHOLDINGS OF CABLE TELEVISION COMPANIES

Motion No. 129-Mr. Munro:

That an order of the house do issue for a copy of a return showing the shareholdings of all cable television companies at present licensed by the Department of Transport to operate in Canada.

Motion agreed to.

STUDY BY DYNAME CORPORATION OF TOURIST RESORT AREA

Motion No. 130-Mr. Keays:

That an order of the house do issue for a copy of all correspondence exchanged between the Minister of Forestry and Dyname Corporation relating to an economic study and a program of development for a tourist resort area at Mount Logan or Mount Albert.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I might ask a question with regard to notice of motion for production of papers No. 72, in my name. I have had a private conversation with the Minister of Finance about this motion, but in view of the fact that it has been on the order paper since January 31 I wonder if the minister is now in a position to indicate to the house when the government might be prepared to agree to this motion, and to have the documents tabled.

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, when this notice of motion for the production of papers first appeared I asked my department to let me see the [Mr. Howard.]

papers that would be producible. Some of these papers indicated the table of contents or the proposed contents of the report of the Carter royal commission. I therefore asked the hon. member whether he would not allow this matter to stand until the report of the royal commission has been tabled, at which time I should have no objection whatever to the tabling of the papers.

Mr. Knowles: Could the minister indicate when that might be?

Mr. Sharp: My traditional answer is "soon". I understand it will be in two or three weeks' time.

LABOUR RELATIONS

QUEBEC LONGSHOREMEN'S STRIKE—REQUEST FOR REPORT ON NEGOTIATIONS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Labour and ask him, in view of the report that the proposal put forward by Judge Lippe in the longshoremen's strike in Montreal has been turned down, the strike having occasioned an economic loss of close to \$15 million, what steps is the government going to take and how soon will it take those steps to end this dispute?

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I think it should be made clear that the suggestion or proposal put forward by the mediator, Judge Lippe, was an interim proposal in the hope that he could get the longshoremen back to work at the beginning of this week. His attempts to accomplish that end have failed. However, the mediator is back in session today with other proposals, which it is hoped will meet with a more favourable response. The other proposal covered an interim settlement only, which would have covered a period of roughly five months, and the unions concerned felt this period was much too short. I believe the parties are now in session, and I am hoping to get a report later today.

Mr. Starr: Since this strike has been prolonged, is the Minister of Labour now getting reports from Judge Lippe at regular intervals as to the progress of the negotiations?

Mr. Nicholson: Yes, Mr. Speaker.